

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 17, 2012

PLACE: Council Chambers

PRESENT:

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| Dave Buck | Vicki Burch | Eric Chin |
| David Christian | David Downey | Andrew Hirsch |
| Jim Knapp | Chris Leroux | Kathleen Mills |
| Karen O'Farrell | Larry Preo | Kumares Sinha |
| Eddie VanBogaert | Boudewijn van Gelder | |
| Larry Wood | | |

VISITORS:

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| Ben Anderson | Michelle Debord | Josh Nixon |
| Michael Susong | | |

Chairman Sinha brought the meeting to order and determined there was a quorum. Mr. Buck asked if there are any nominations for Chairperson. Professor van Gelder made a motion to nominate Chariman Sinha as Chairman for 2012. Ms. Burch seconded that motion and the motion was passed.

Ms. Burch made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2011 meeting. Professor van Gelder seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

Mr. Hirsch was introduced to the commission as District 3 Representative. Mr. Hirsch will replace Ms. Siciliano for the remainder of 2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tunnel Top Project, Ph. 3: Mr. Josh Nixon from the Schneider Corporation was present representing Purdue to discuss the Purdue Tunnel Top Project that is planned for this summer. It is the third of four phases of tunnel top repairs along Third Street. This phase will be in the block between Waldron and University Streets. The purpose of the project is to reconstruct, repair, and waterproof the tunnel top to protect the utilities that are in the tunnel. The project is expected to bid late February or early March and start after graduation in May. The work should be complete by the end of July.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crash Comparisons 2011: Deputy Chief Leroux was present to discuss the 2011 crash comparison data. The report is posted on the City's website. Total number of crashes were down 2% from 2010. The areas with the best progress were personal injury accidents, which were down 12%

and persons injured accidents were down 15%. Alcohol related crashes were also down from 2011. The trend from 2005 to 2011 is going down.

Lindberg Road & Cherry Lane, Speed Limits: Ms. Burch stated she was contacted by a West Lafayette resident regarding the speed limit on Lindberg Road Bridge. He would like to have the speed limit increased on Lindberg to match Cherry Lane. Mr. Buck stated that Cherry Lane is State highway jurisdiction and Lindberg Road will not be raised. The entire road was designed to be 30 mph. There are areas where sight distance would be an issue for speeds higher than 30 mph. Unless we would re-grade the entire road, the City will not want to take the liability to go above 30 mph. Mr. Buck said he would like to work with the State when they hand over jurisdiction of Cherry Lane, McCormick, and Airport Road to the City and County to lower those speed limits and make them more pedestrian friendly. The relinquishment should occur in late 2013.

Upcoming INDOT Resurfacing Projects: Mr. Knapp was present to discuss Purdue's summer projects. Cherry Lane is to be resurfaced with a bid opening in October. Northwestern to be resurfaced with a bid opening in August. McCormick and Airport Road to be resurfaced with a bid opening in July. State Road 26 from US 231 to the river will also be resurfaced; this project was previously bid and awarded to Milestone Contractors.

Tunnel Lid Repair Projects: Mr. Knapp stated there are two tunnel lids that will be replaced. This will be done in the summer and there will be some traffic disruptions.

Maintenance of Traffic Plans, Wang Hall: Wang Hall has not been bid, but when they start building there will be traffic disruptions. Mr. Buck stated that this project has been approved by the City Council, and he will have this project present the maintenance of traffic plan to the commission. We do not have the final submitted plans at this time.

Bicycle Indiana: Mr. Hirsch stated that Bicycle Indiana is offering the possibility of cost sharing for bicycle related projects. The deadline for submission is March 31. He is proposing the purchase of at least 2 "Share the Road" signs for Lindberg bridge. The cost for these would ideally be shared between Bicycle Indiana, West Lafayette, and the Wabash River Cycle Club. The cost would be paid 50% by the State, 25% by Wabash River Cycle Club and 25% by the City. Chairman Sinha said he believes this would be a great way to show the City that we are a bicycle friendly community. Mr. Hirsch made the motion for the City to cost share at the level of 25% the cost of 2 "Share the Road" signs. Ms. Burch seconded the motion. The motion passed as stated.

State Street Corner PD: Mr. Buck brought plans to show the Commission for State Street Corner PD. This is a private development which will be a 5 story building with basement at the corner of State and Northwestern. This is a draft plan only, the very earliest they conceivably start would be late summer or early fall. This is informational at this time only, as this project would ultimately require a re-zone by the City Council in order to move forward.

Grant Street PD: Mr. Buck showed the Commission the plan for Grant Street PD. This is also a draft plan. This site is at the corner of Grant and Harrison by the same developer. This building runs almost the entire block of Harrison Street. This is informational at this time and would also require a re-zone by the City Council in order to move forward.

Landmark PD: This is the 6 story building across from Mackey Arena that has already received a lot of publicity. It has gone from draft plan to preliminary plan and they are ready to be on the agenda for Area Plan Commission to hold a public hearing. The APC will make a recommendation to the City Council for approval, denial, or modifications.

Mr. Buck recommended moving up the March meeting so the Commission can meet again to discuss these projects before they get too far along.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, February 28, 2012, Lower Level Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D.M. Buck", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Buck, P.E.
Public Works Director
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